FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number	USGS Quad	Area(s)	Form Number
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Town/City: Town of Eastham

Place: *(neighborhood or village)*:
North Eastham/Nauset

Address: 570 Nauset Road

Historic Name: Warren A. & Marion W. Mayo House

Uses: Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

Date of Construction: 1898-1901

Source: vital records, censuses, newspapers

Style/Form: Summer Cottage

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:
Foundation: brick

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: wood shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
One-car garage, early 20th c.
In-ground swimming pool, ca. 2000
Pool house, ca. 2000

Major Alterations *(with dates)*:
Major renovations to fenestration of original house and addition of gambrel wing, early 20th c.
Wings added to rear, late 20th c
Shingle siding and window sash replaced

Condition: good

Moved: **no** ☒ **yes** ☐ **Date:**

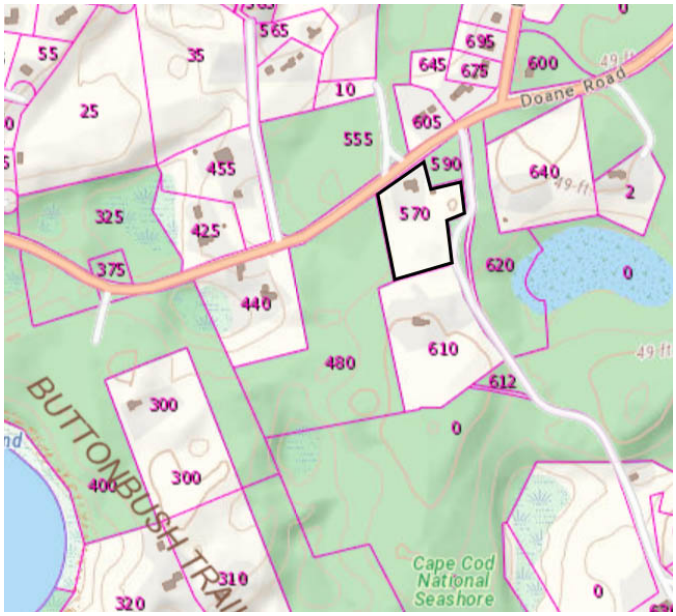
Acreage: 2.098

Setting: The property is one of the few privately held in the midst of land owned the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Photograph

View from

Locus Map (north at top)



Source: Mass GIS Oliver Parcel Viewer

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Organization: Eastham Historical Commission

Date: June 2020

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Historic photographs (see below) document a much different house than exists, today. They may show different sides of the house, but neither represents the current fenestration pattern or the characteristics of the present wing. Athough it maintains a historic appearance, the house has been substantially renovated from a simple turn-of the century farmhouse into a genteel summer cottage. The story-and-a-half wood frame single dwelling has a cross-wing plan with a front-gable three-bay façade on the north side distinguished by a doorway with an ornate cantilevered hood mounted on substantial scrolled brackets. This hooded entry appears in period photographs but on the opposite side of the façade. There are two windows on the first story and two attic windows in the gable. A steep gable has a simple cornice under projecting eaves. Shingle siding and window sash have been replaced. There are two windows on the west side of the house. A story wing on the east side may incorporate an earlier one seen in photographs, but it has been elaborated with the addition of a gambrel roof with shed dormers front and rear designed in a Shingle Style summer cottage mode. An entrance and windows on the north wall are recessed under a deep porch that wraps around the east end and terminates at an enclosure under the roof. The porch is fronted by square posts with scroll-sawn braces at the top; the spindle balustrade appears to be a recent addition. Two later one-story wings extend from the rear, one attached to the gabled part of the house appears to be a sunroom that overlooks an in-ground swimming pool in the rear yard and the other, attached to the gambrel wing, probably is a living room with an exterior brick chimney wrapping around the southeast corner. A small free-standing shed off the southwest corner of the house functions as a pool house, and a shingled front-gable one-car garage is located behind the house east of the driveway. The buildings occupy a small clearing on the street frontage, set back behind a deep lawn; the rest of the parcel is wooded.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The parcel on which Warren Albert Mayo built this house between 1898 and 1901 belonged to his father, Warren D. Mayo (1832-99), who occupied an older house, possibly dating to about 1800, that his own father Samuel Mayo (1774-1853) had built some one hundred yards from the site of this house by 1800. In 1855 Warren Mayo married Diana (sometimes Diama or Dianry) Smith, the daughter of neighbor William and Ruth Walker Smith, in 1855, and there may have been two houses on the parcel by 1858 (also shown on the 1880 Eastham map). Warren D. Mayo was a farmer, and son Warren A. was born in 1869. He worked as a surfman at the Nauset Life-Saving Station, and in 1899 he married Marion W. Sparrow, also a neighbor. She was the daughter of Wilbur Norris Sparrow (1853-98) and his wife Sophia Weller of Maryland, both of whom had lost their hearing and ability to speak after childhood bouts of scarlet fever. The two met at Gallaudet College, where Wilbur Sparrow taught and Weller studied in the 1870s. At the time of her father's death, Marion Sparrow was engaged to Warren A. Mayo; according to Wilbur's grandson Donald B. Sparrow, Mayo "was building a house not more than 100 yards from the homestead to entice Marion to marry him.[1] The two married in May 1899, scarcely a month before Warren D. Mayo died. In February 1901, the *Barnstable Patriot* reported that John Knowles "is painting the new house owned by Mr. Warren Mayo."[2] In 1900 Diana Mayo sold two acres of the homestead property to her son Warren, and whether he, his wife Marion, their infant daughter Lucille, and mother Diana were living in the homestead or the new house in 1900 is not clear from the census or other documents.[3] Cape newspapers indicate that in 1903 Diana Mayo was in her own house, where her daughter Ruth died that year; she herself died in March 1904.

The 1905 Eastham map attaches the name "W. Mayo" to a house very roughly on the site of this one, and the 1910 census lists Mayo in this neighborhood as a surfman living with his wife Marion and their children Lucille, Raymond, Evelyn, and Lloyd; another child, Dorothy, was born in 1916, and a son, Carlton, was born in 1919. By 1930 Mayo had left the life-saving station after twenty-seven years of service there and was working as a laborer at "golf links," almost certainly the Cedar Bank course built by Bostonian Quincy Adams Shaw in 1928 just west of this house between Salt Pond and the Nauset Marsh; his brother-in-law Daniel Sparrow supervised the course for Shaw. The couples' youngest child, Kenneth Franklin, was born in 1924, and by

[1] Donald B. Sparrow, *Growing up on Cape Cod: Four Brothers Learning to Stand Tall* (Eastham, MA: Great Oaks Publishing for the author, 2001), 3-9.
[2] "Eastham," *Barnstable Patriot*, 4 February 1901, 4.
[3] Diama B. Mayo to Warren A. Mayo, 11 October 1900, BCD 246:423. The only recorded deed to Warren D. Mayo was from the attorney for the heirs of his father Samuel, which conveyed 4.5 acres of the homestead to him for $945 BCD 81:284).

1930 two of the Mayos' adult children were in the work force, Lucille as a household waitress and Lloyd as a truck driver. By 1940 Warren Mayo was still doing golf course work and sharing the 570 Nauset Road house with his wife, son Carlton, a garage mechanic, and son Kenneth. Both Carlton and Kenneth served in World War II, Kenneth as a flight officer in the Army Air Corps and Carlton with ground forces in Europe; he served in battles in the Ardennes and Rhineland and earned numerous medals.

Warren A. Mayo died in March 1946, and the 570 Nauset Road property remained in the family. In 1976 other heirs to Warren and Marion Mayo's estates sold their interests to his son Kenneth Franklin Mayo, who owned it until 1990. Three years later the property was acquired by Don J. Melnick and Mary Pearl of Tarrytown, New York, who were the owners of record in 2020.[4]

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[4] Robert E. Mayo, New Bedford, to Kenneth F. Mayo, North Haven CT, 31 August 1976, BCD 4694:224; Jean Henry, Henderson NV, to Kenneth F. Mayo, North Haven CT, 23 April 1976, BCD 4694:222; Sandra Cunha, New Bedford, to Kenneth F. Mayo, North Haven CT, 8 April 1976, BCD 4694:220; Albert S. Roderick Jr. New Bedford, to Kenneth F. Mayo, North Haven CT, 8 April 1976, BCD 4694:218; Donald F. Roderick, New Bedford, to Kenneth F. Mayo, North Haven CT, 8 April 1976, BCD 4694:216; Kathleen Roderick, New Bedford, to Kenneth F. Mayo, North Haven CT, 8 April 1976, BCD 4694:214; Albert S. Roderick, New Bedford, to Kenneth F. Mayo, North Haven CT, 8 April 1976, BCD 4694:212; Evelyn Mayo, East Orleans, to Kenneth F. Mayo, 28 April 1976, BCD 4694:210; Lloyd Mayo, Nauset Road, to Kenneth F. Mayo, North Haven CT, 7 April 1976, BCD 4694:208; Lucille M. Worth, Chatham, to Kenneth F. Mayo, 13 April 1976, BCD 4694:206; Donna J. Maietta, Milford; Richard Mayo, South Yarmouth; Gary Howard Mayo, Cummadquid; and Wayne Mayo, Magnolia TX, to Kenneth F. Mayo, Branford CT, 13 April 1976, BCD 4694:204.

SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES

Undated views of 570 Nauset Road (Ancestry.com).

PHOTOGRAPHS

(credit Larson Fisher Associates, 2019 unless otherwise noted)

View from NW.

Detail of door hood on north façade.

View from SE showing added rear wings and pool house.

View of garage from SW.